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SUBJECT: VIETNAM PRESS COMMENT: UNEXPECTED ATTACK ON CRITICS  
OF US POLICY

1. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA HAVE RECEIVED  
HEAVY COVERAGE IN ICELANDIC PRESS AND HAVE BEEN SUBJECT OF  
SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL COMMENT. MOST OF LATTER HAS BEEN PRE-  
DICTABLE RESTATEMENT OF LONG-HELD POSITION, EG, CON-  
SERVATIVE MORGUNBLADID CLAIMING RENEWED COMMUNIST AGGRESSION  
IS WARNING TO ICELAND AND REST OF WEST OF NEED FOR CON-  
TINUED STRONG DEFENSE, WHILE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED  
THJODVILJINN SEES IN SITUATIO NEW EVIDENCE OF BANKRUPTCY  
OF US POLICY OF SUPPRESSING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND  
LESSON TO THOSE WHO WORSHIP AT THRONE OF US POWER.

2. NOTABLE EXCEPTION TO PATTERN IS COMMENT IN PROGRESSIVE  
PARTY'S TIMINN, EDITED BY POWER FUL ALTHING FOREIGN RELATIONS  
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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND ARCH-CRITIC OF US

SOUTHEAST ASIA POLICY, THORARINN THORARINSSON. IN APRIL 4 COLUMN, POLITICAL EDITOR ALFRED THORESTEINSSON QUOTES IN FULL ONE OF MORGUNBLADID'S EDITORIALS MENTIONED ABOVE AND ADDS: "WHEN THE WAR IN VIETNAM WAS THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION, THERE WERE ALMOST DAILY DECLARATIONS FROM ALL MANNER OF PEACE GROUPS CONDEMNING THE AGGRESSIVE WAR OF THE UNITED STATES...NOW THE AMERICANS HAVE LEFT VIETNAM. STILL THE WAR RAGES. WHY DON'T WE HEAR FROM THE PEACE GROUPS NOW? DOES IT PERHAPS MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHO'S KILLING WHOM?"

3. WHILE UNLIKELY IN THE EXTREME THAT FOREGOING REFLECTS ANY CHANGE OF HEART ON PART OF THOGARINSSON (WHO IS IN FACT OUT OF COUNTRY) ITEM IS NOTEWORTHY APPEAL FOR EVEN-HANDEDNESS FROM UNEXPECTED QUARTER AND DEPARTURE FROM PARTY LINE RATE IN ICELANDIC JOURNALISM.  
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